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Markup: Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Act of 2006

WHO: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,
and Cybersecurity
Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA)

WHEN: 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

“The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006” would give the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the authority to regulate the security of America’s chemical facilities. It would require the Secretary of DHS to assess and rank chemical facilities based on risk, ensuring that the highest-risk facilities meet stringent security requirements, such as personnel access, physical security requirements, and cybersecurity, including communications networks and computer systems. The bill would also give the Secretary enforcement authority to ensure compliance through regulations that address vulnerabilities and security measures. This includes on-site inspections and the ability to impose administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.

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